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FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Sunday, December 30, 2018

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To find your local NWS forecast office, go to www.weather.gov/srh.

Summary of the Upcoming Week



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Today

- **Heavy rainfall/isolated flash flooding possible across SE OK, ArkLaTex and into AR**

Monday (New Year's Eve)

- **Strong to severe thunderstorms are possible across E LA and E AR**
- **Another round of snow develops Monday night across northern NM**

Tuesday (New Year's Day)

- **Snow continues for NM with travel impacts likely, and very cold temperatures expected Tuesday night.**

Wednesday

- **Heavy rainfall/isolated flash flooding possible across LA and S AR.**

Thursday

- **No significant weather hazards expected**

River Flooding


- **Minor to moderate (with only the Trinity River at Liberty expected to reach major flood by Monday) river flooding is expected or occurring S LA and E TX.**
- **Minor river flooding is occurring over S OK, N LA and S AR.**
- **Additional rainfall over eastern portions of the Region today will slow recessions.**







FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Dec 30, 2018 – Jan 3, 2018



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DAY / THREAT	SUN	MON		WED	THU
Severe Storms		E LA, E AR			
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding	SE OK, ArkLaTex into AR			LA, S AR	
Winter Weather		N NM	NM		
Fire Weather					
River Flooding	ETX, S LA	ETX, S LA	ETX, LA	ETX, LA	ETX, LA
	S AR & OK, N LA	S AR & OK, N LA	S AR & OK		

	No Weather Threats Expected
	Very Common – Happens Often
	Common – Happens Frequently
	Uncommon – A Few Times a Year
	Rare – Once Every 1-5 Years
	Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years

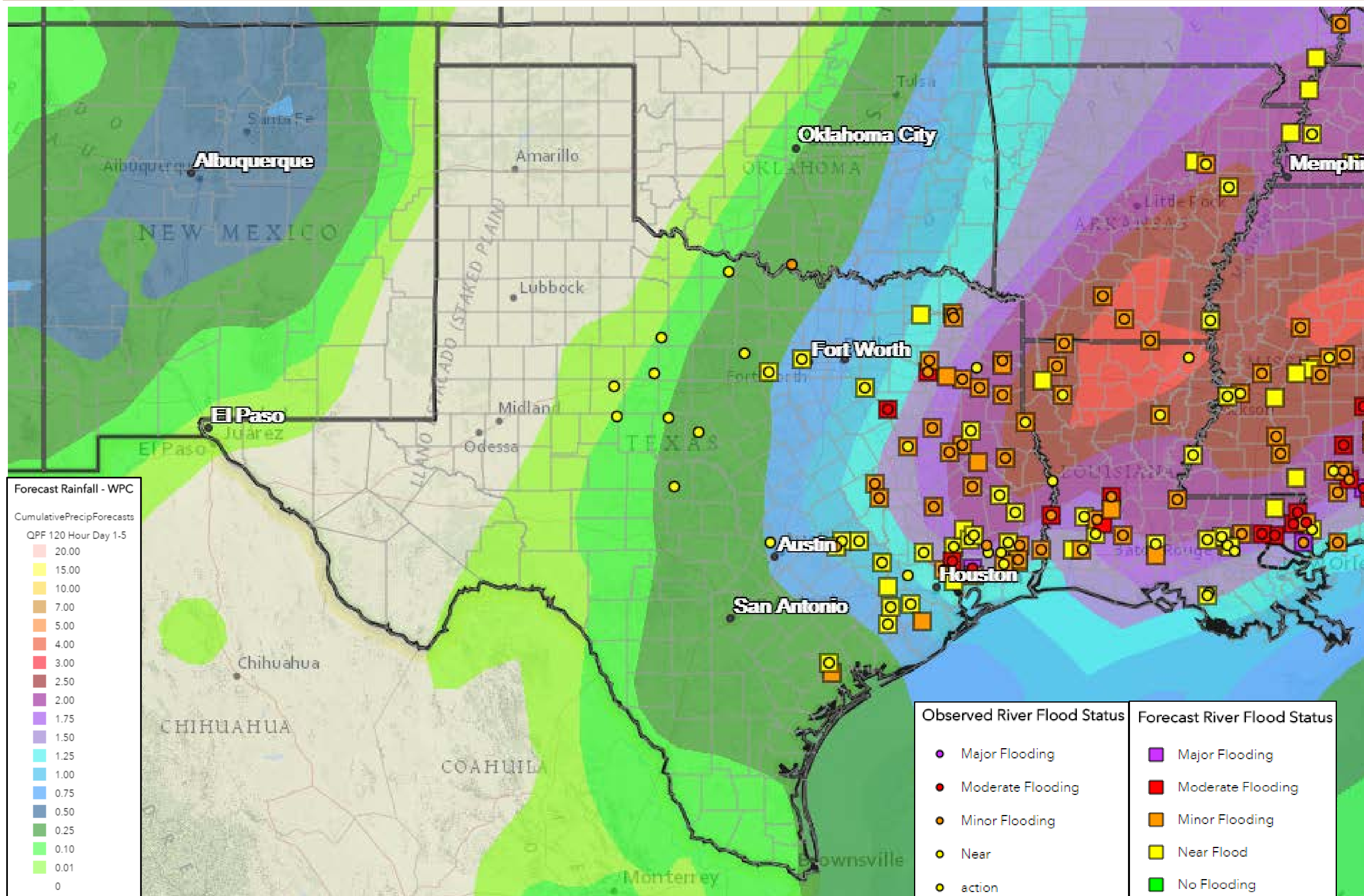
**Threat levels are based on FEMA Region 6 criteria.
State or local threat level criteria may differ.*
For more details on the colors in the threat matrix refer to the last slide in this briefing.*

5-Day Precipitation Forecast & River Flood Status



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Note: Even though the image displays 5 days of forecasted rainfall, river forecasts only include 1-2 days of rainfall



Minor to Moderate river flooding (with only the Trinity River at Liberty expected to reach Major flood by Monday) is expected or occurring across E TX and S LA.

Minor river flooding is occurring across S OK, N LA, and S AR

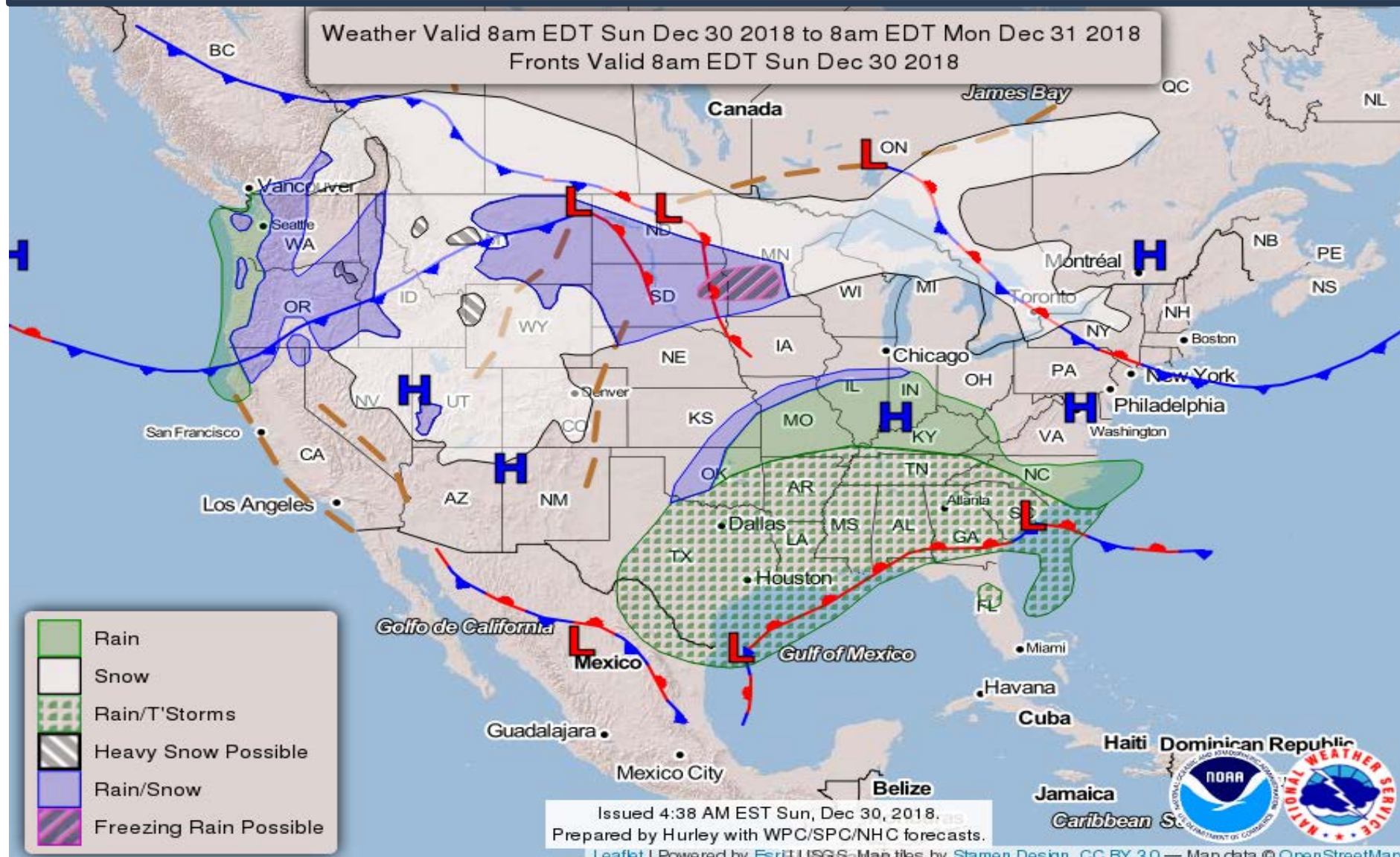
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Today's Weather

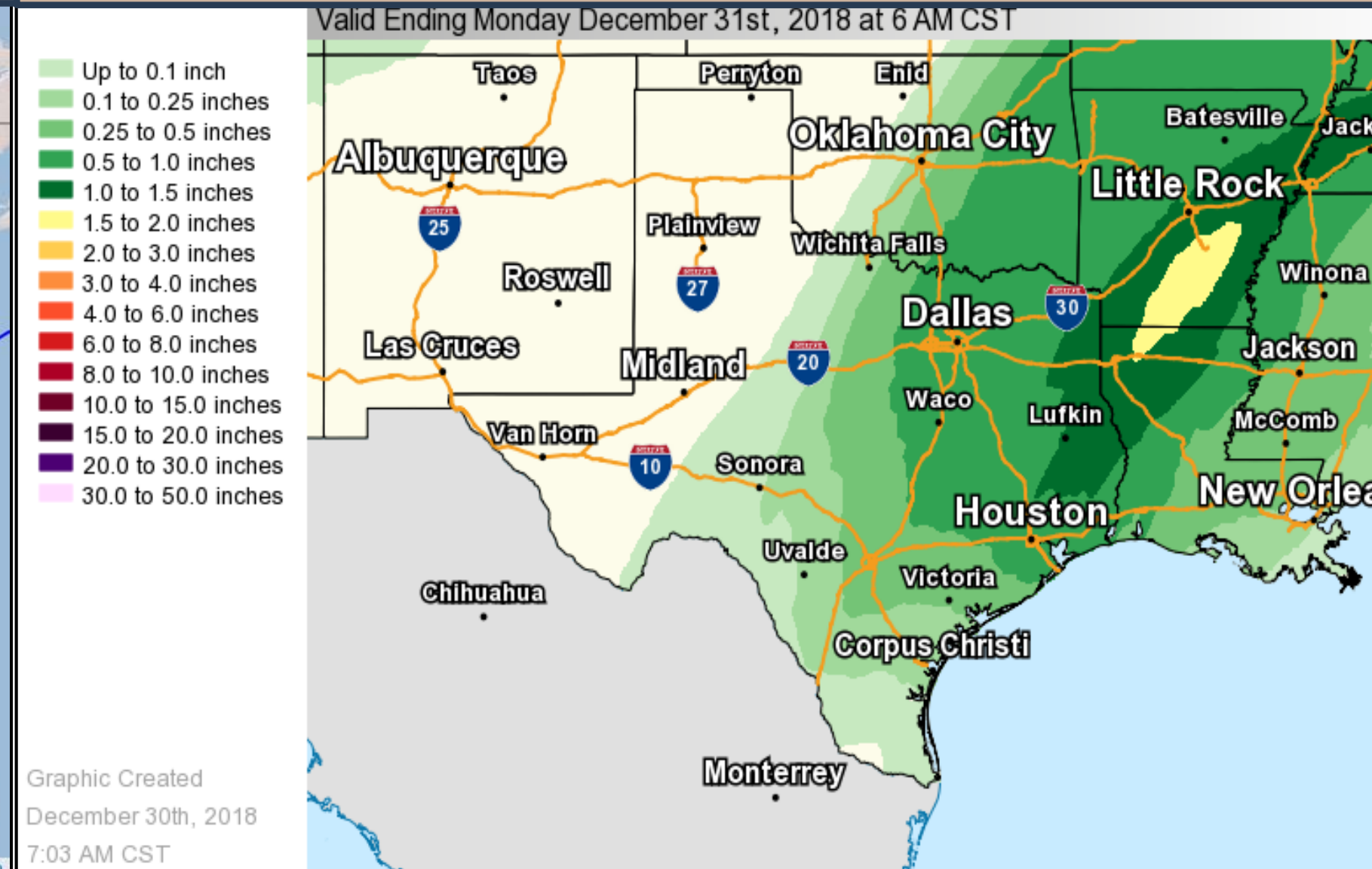


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Forecast Chart

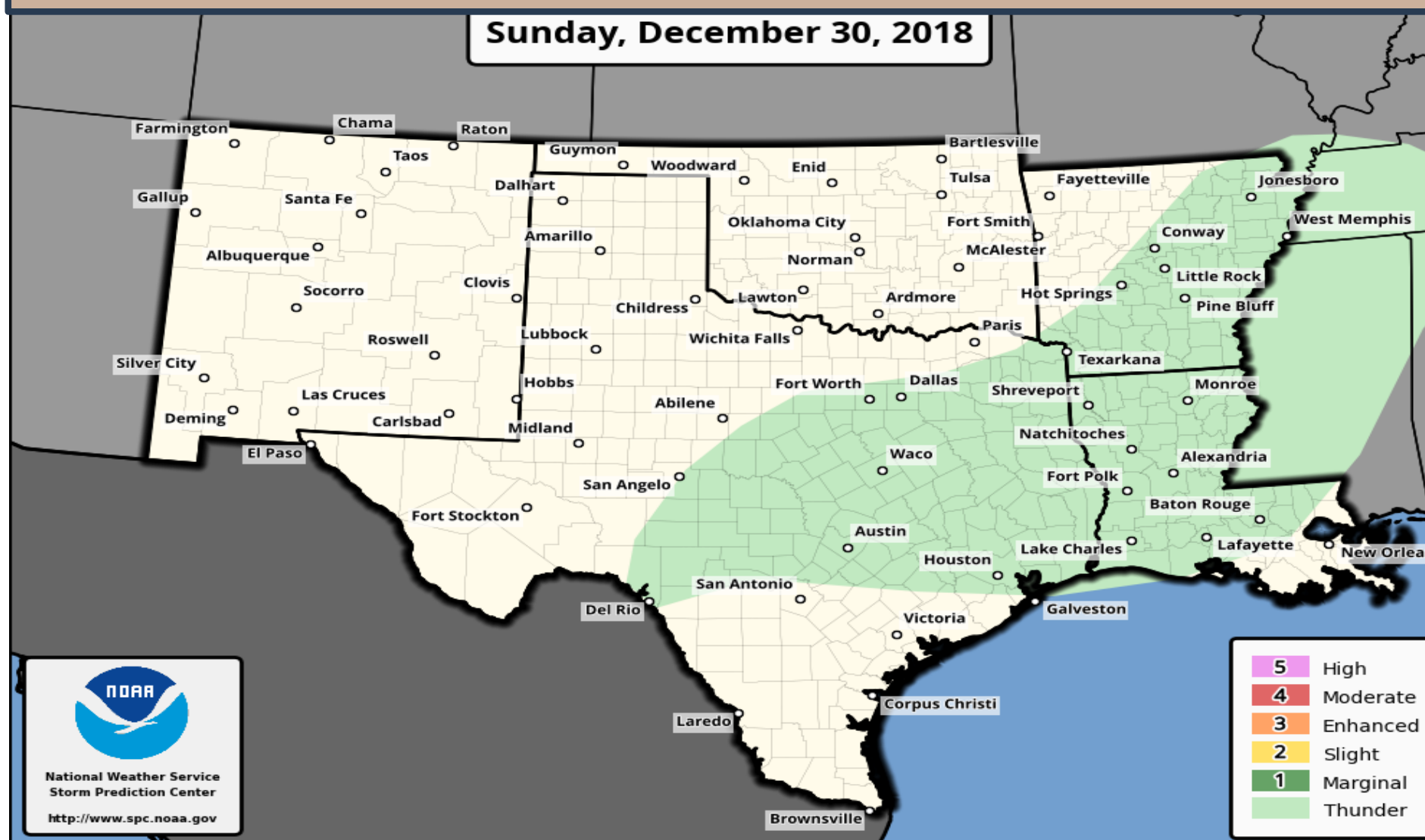


Forecast Rainfall

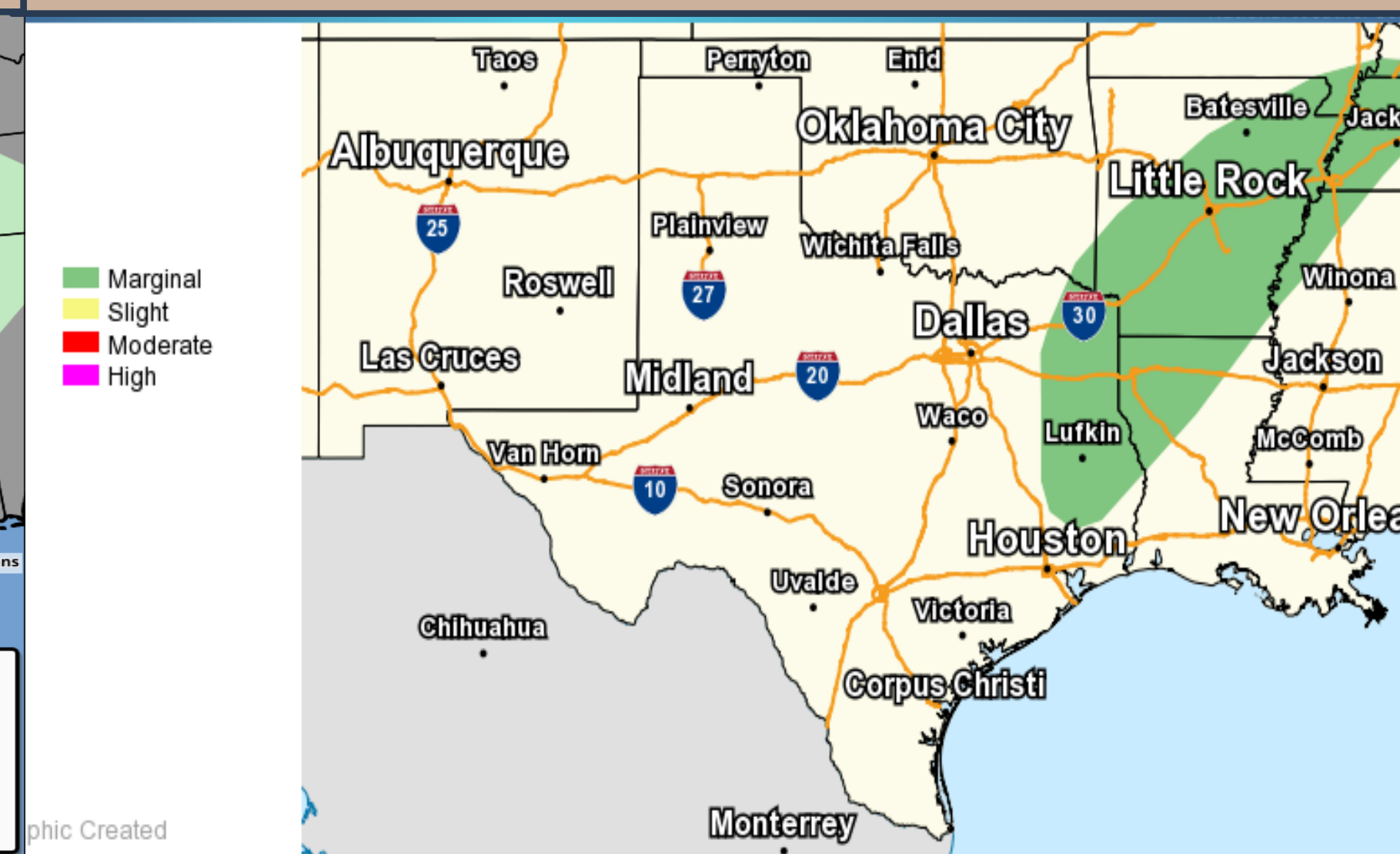


Heavy rain/isolated flash flooding possible for SE OK, the ArkLaTex into most of AR.

Severe Weather Outlook



Excessive Rainfall Outlook



Watches, Warnings, and Advisories



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Fire Weather



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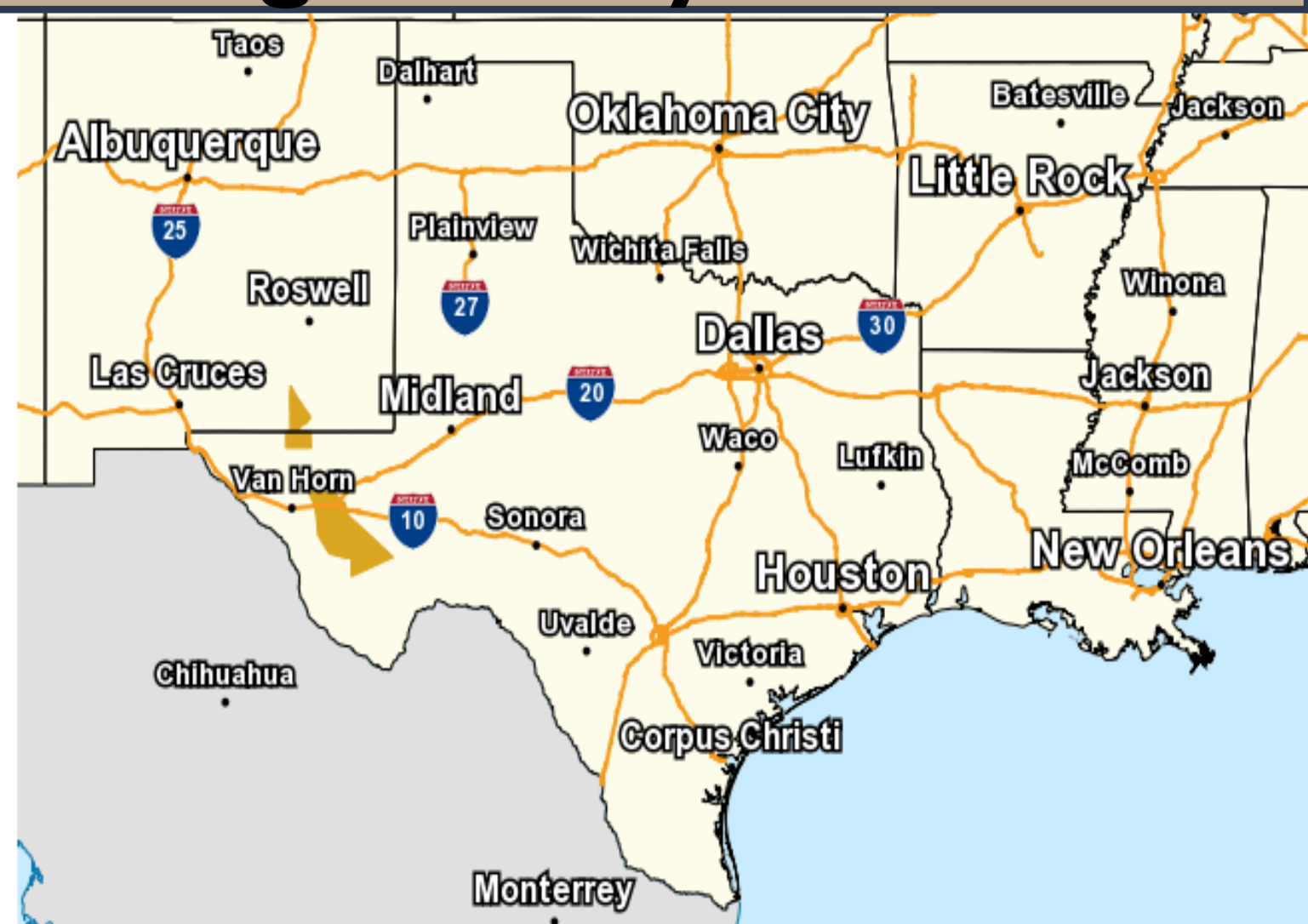
Severe Weather & Flooding



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**Winter Storm Watch
across NM.**

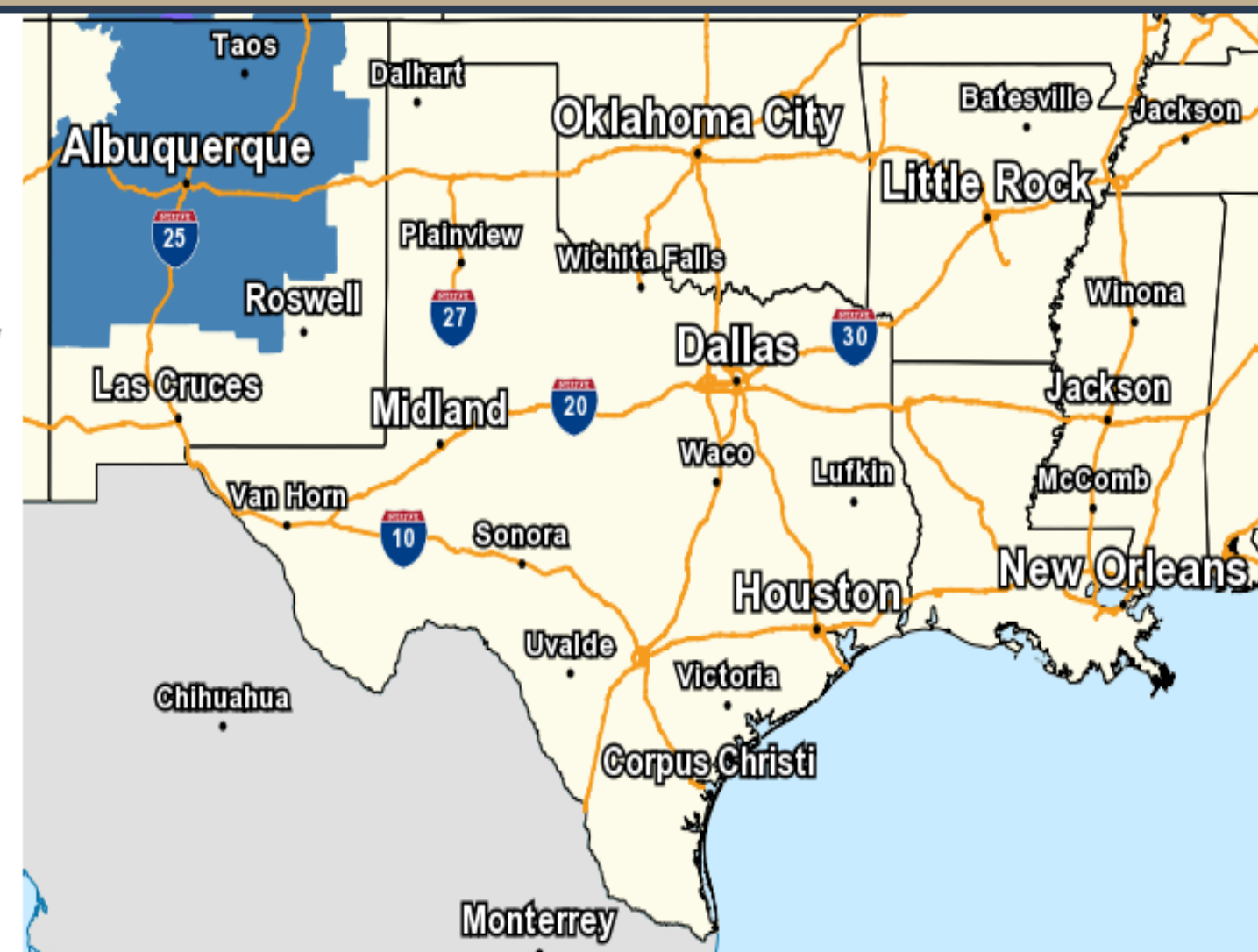
Strong & Gusty Winds



■ High Wind Warning

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Winter Weather



■ Winter Weather Advisory
■ Winter Storm Watch

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Tomorrow's Weather



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Forecast Chart

Forecast Rainfall

Strong to severe storms possible for E LA and E AR on New Year's Eve.

Another round of snow begins over N NM

Severe Weather Outlook

Excessive Rainfall Outlook

Tuesday's Weather

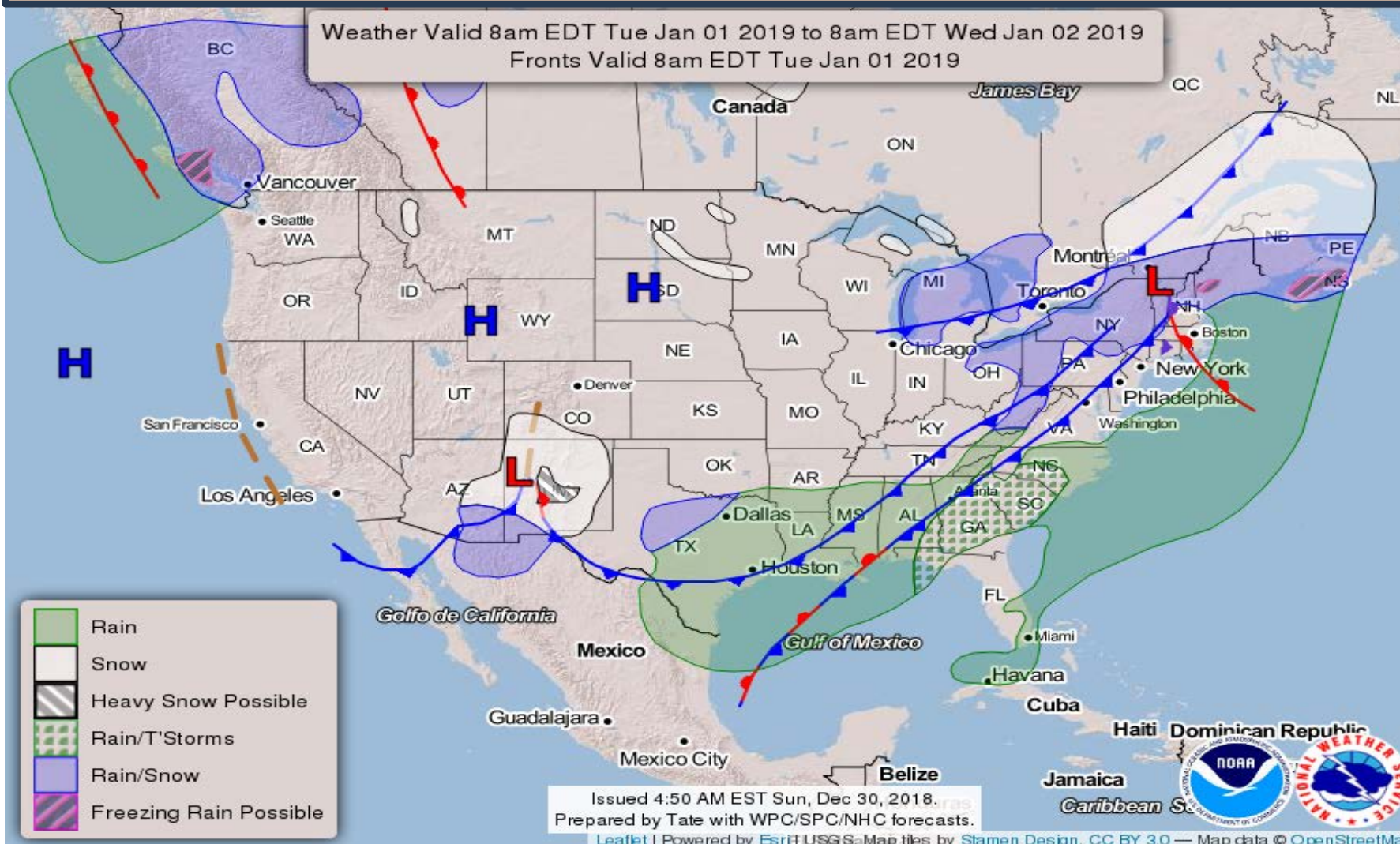
Forecast Chart

Forecast Rainfall



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**Snow continues over NM
with travel impacts likely
on New Year's Day**

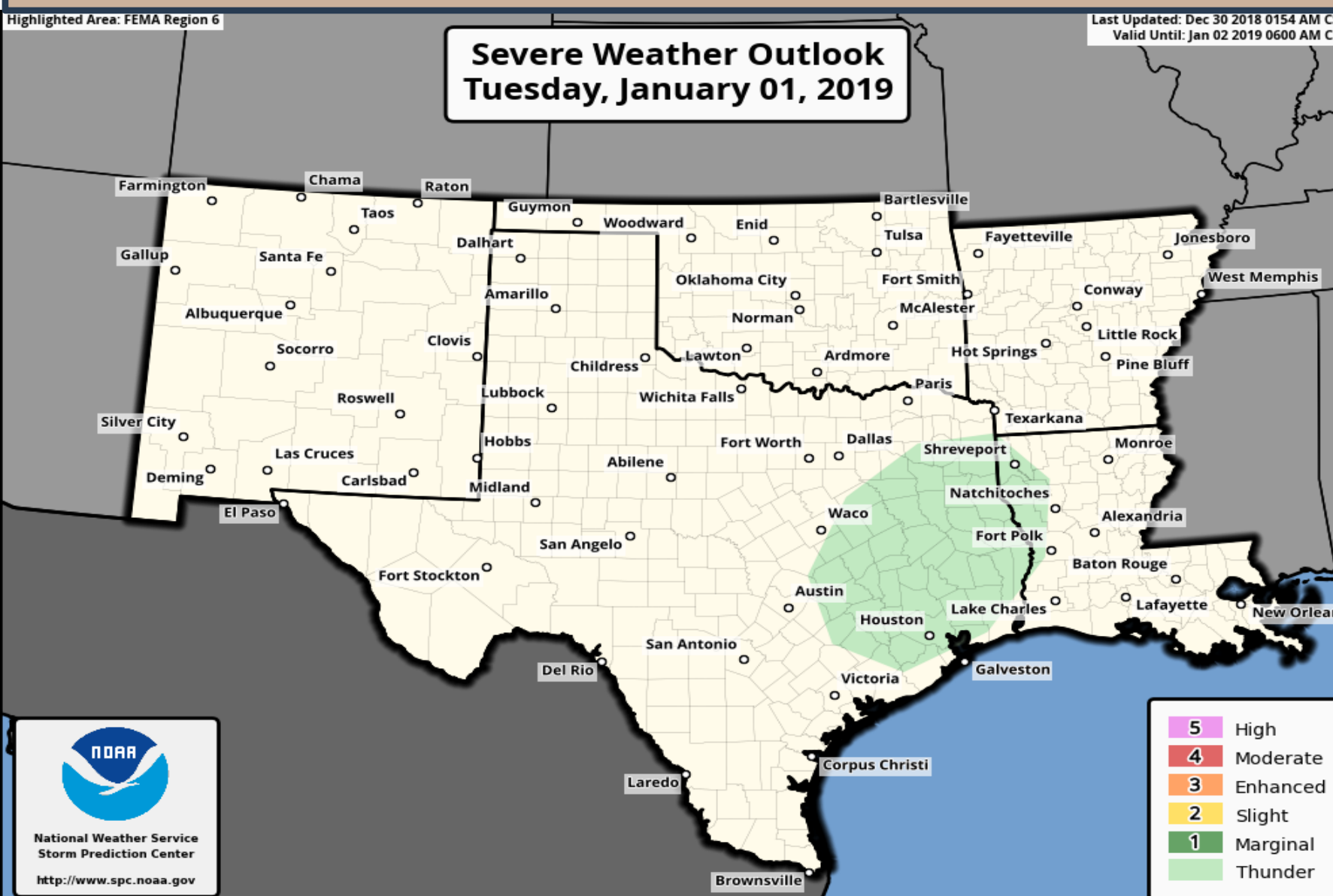


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Severe Weather Outlook

Excessive Rainfall Outlook



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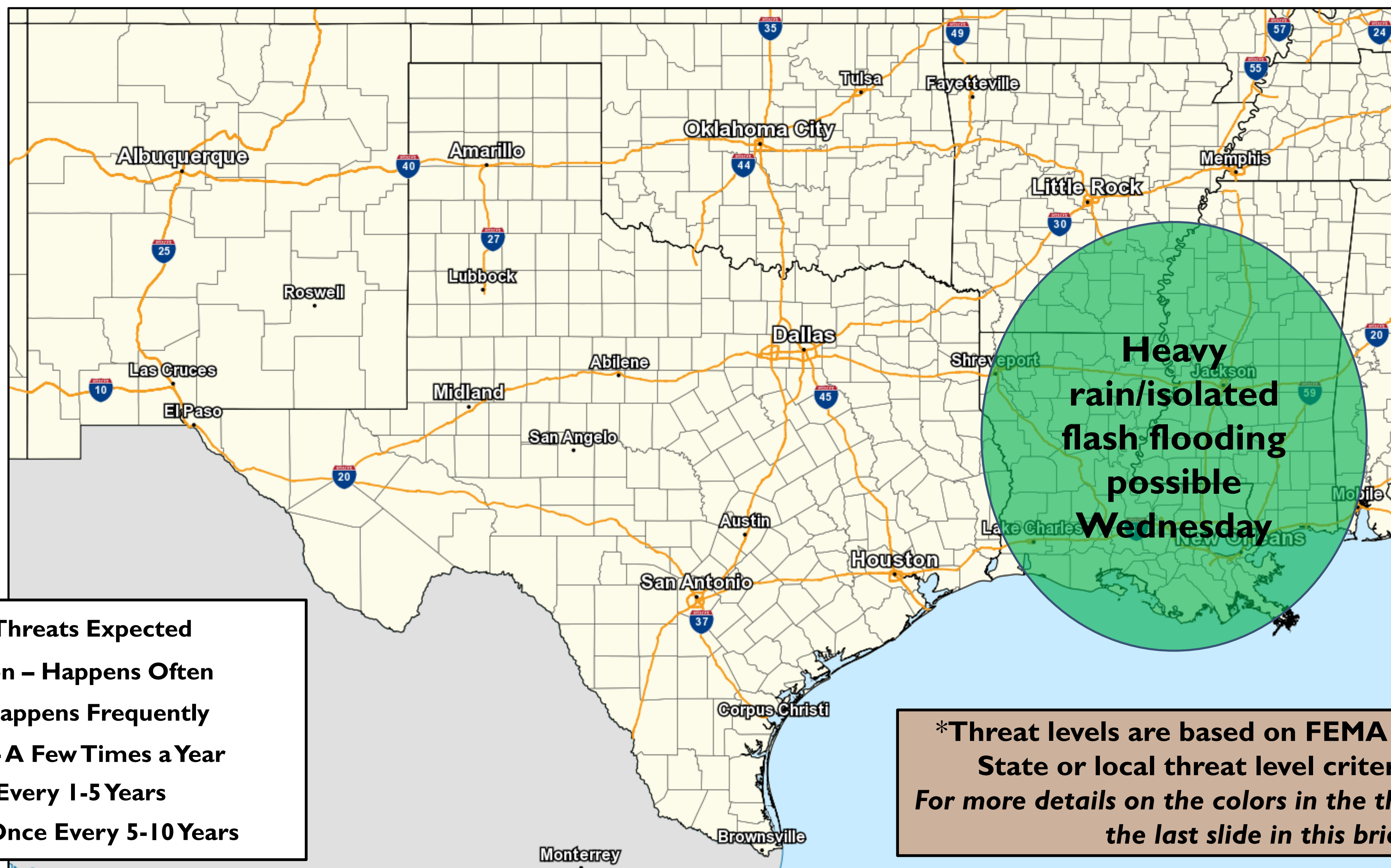


Days 4-5 Weather Hazards

Wednesday – Thursday



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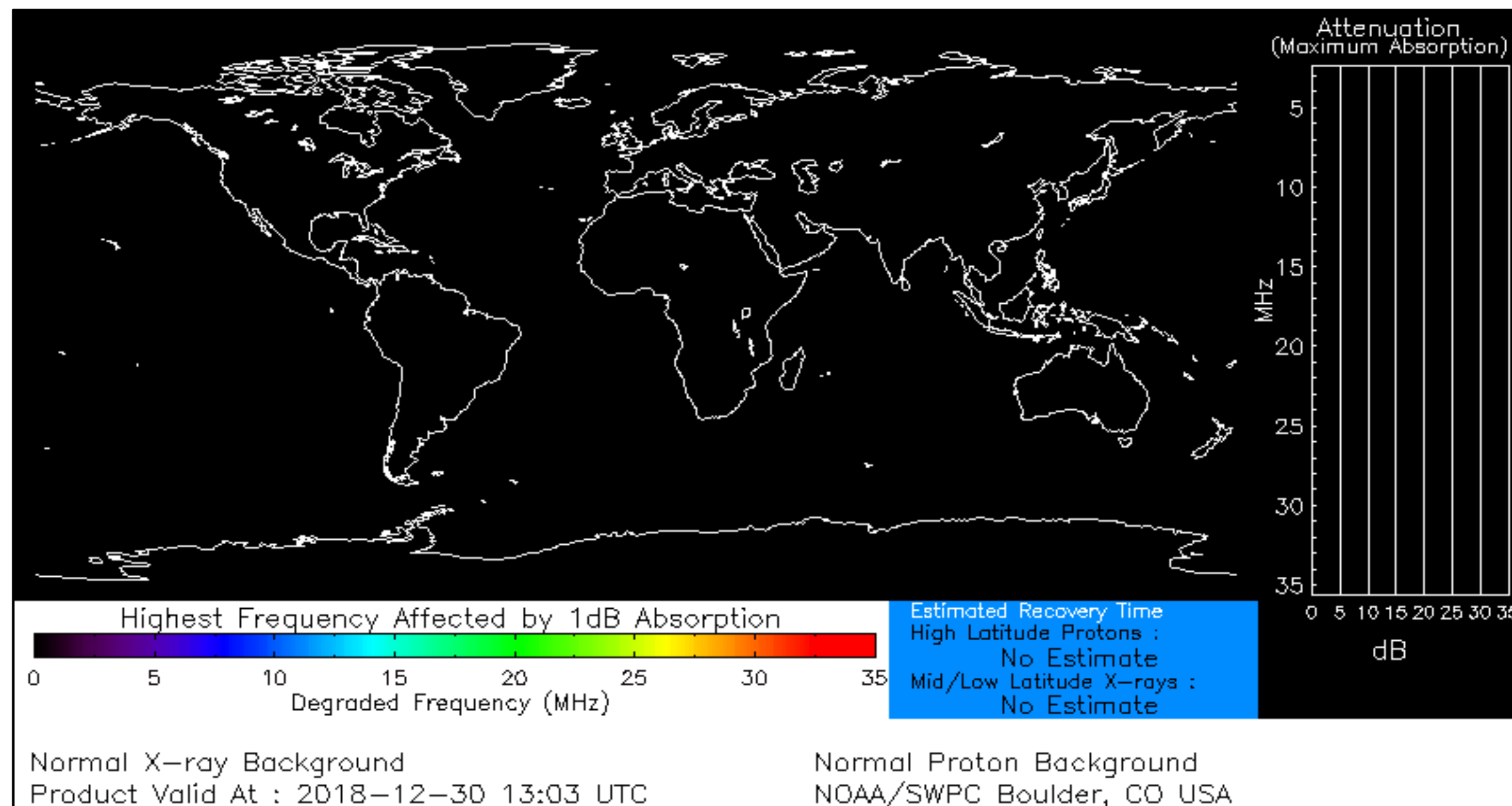


Space Weather 3-Day Forecast



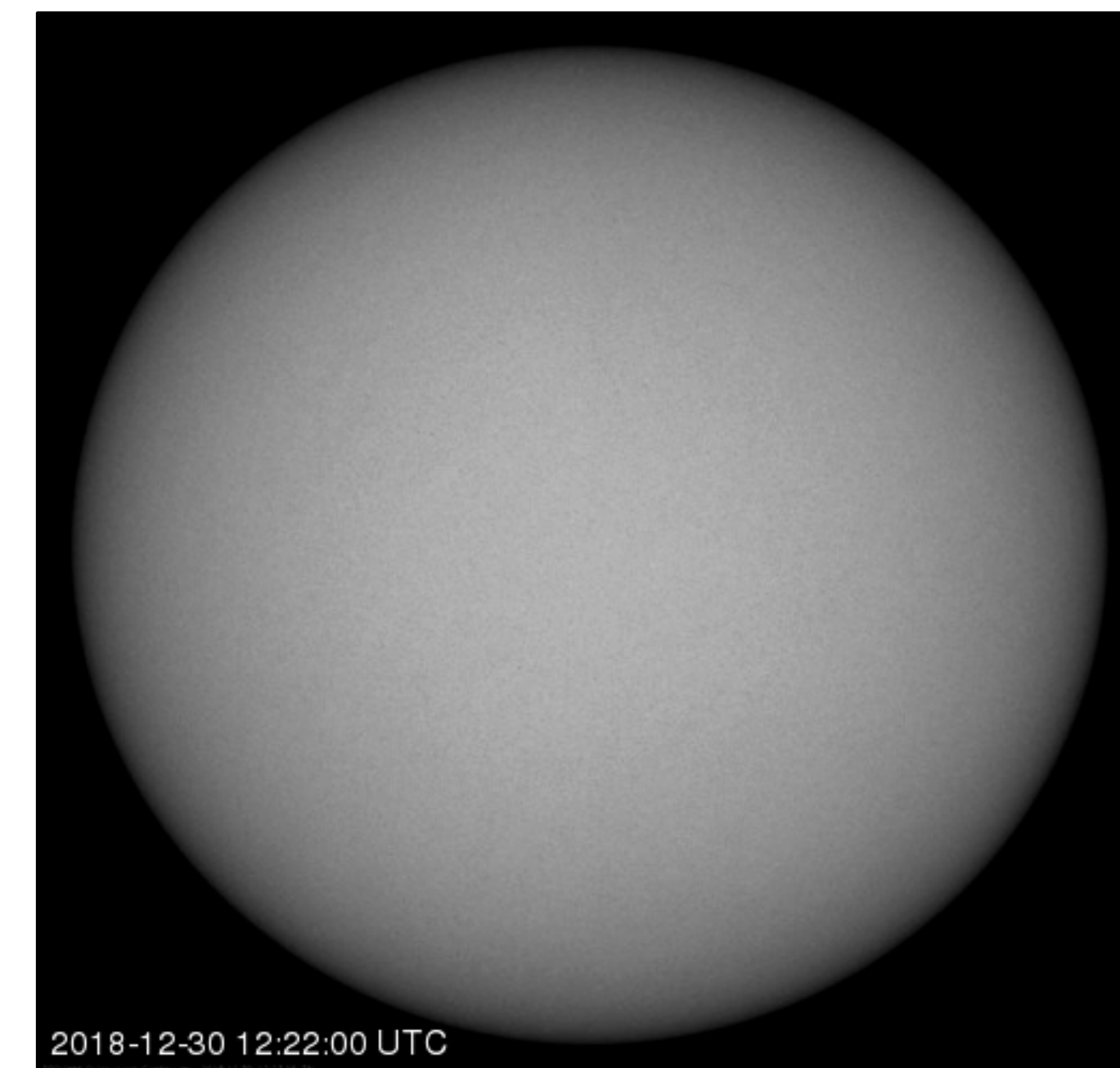
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	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Geomagnetic Storms	Quiet to Unsettled (Max Kp = 3)	Quiet to Unsettled (Max Kp = 3)	Quiet to Unsettled (Max Kp = 3)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R3-R5)	1%	1%	1%



[Click here for a Description of the Space Weather Storm Scales](#)

[Click here for the Latest 3-Day Space Weather Forecast Text](#)



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Weather “Threat” Matrix			
Color	Definition	Criteria	Example(s)
Green	Very Common Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Little Inconvenience to Daily Routines	Severe: Marginal Risk from SPC Flooding: Minor flooding expected over localized areas Tropical: None Fire Weather: No Watches/Warnings, fuel moisture above 10% or green up active	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thunderstorms expected over LA this afternoon; a few may produce winds to knock down a few trees Something that happens almost every day in a particular season such as <u>seabreeze</u> storms in coastal TX
Yellow	Somewhat Common – Happens Frequently Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Some Inconvenience to Daily Life	Severe: Slight Risk from SPC Flooding: Nuisance flooded expected for a widespread area, or Minor flooding expected over isolated areas Tropical: A weak tropical wave expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire Weather: Red Flag Watches/Warnings and/or SPC outlines enhanced or critical fire outlook	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2-3 inches of rainfall expected over central AR today and tonight; some minor (brief) street flooding possible Scattered severe storms possible, one or two tornadoes expected, along with reports of strong winds/wind damage and ~1” hail
Orange	Uncommon – A Few Times a Year Safety: Often Threatening to Life and Property, Some Damage Unavoidable Impact Potential: Typically Results in Minor Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: Enhanced Risk from SPC Flooding: Minor flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations), or Moderate flooding expected over isolated areas Tropical: A Tropical Storm expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Critical fire outlook for more than 2 consecutive days, Warnings for 2 or more consecutive days, D3-D4 drought conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A snow/sleet mix is expected to move through or near the DFW area tomorrow morning; travel impacts likely Numerous severe storms possible, a few tornadoes possible along with several reports of wind damage along with damaging hail Some large fires reported, burn bans advertised, critical conditions expected
Red	Rare – Once every 1-5 Years Safety: Extensive Property Damage Likely, Life Saving Actions Also will be Needed Impact Potential: Will likely result in Large Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: Moderate Risk from SPC Flooding: Moderate flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations) Tropical: A Hurricane expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Large areas of critical conditions for 2 or more days, Warnings for 3 or more days, Severe to extreme drought	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Category 1 hurricane will be moving towards the NW Gulf in the next few days Widespread severe storms likely, strong tornadoes, widespread wind damage, and destructive hail Large fires ongoing throughout the area with critical fire weather conditions expected to continue
Purple	Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years Safety: Property Damage Unavoidable, Immediate Action to Save Life will be Needed Impact Potential: Typically Results in Long-Lived Widespread Major Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: High Risk from SPC Flooding: Major flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations) Tropical: A Major Hurricane (Cat3 or greater) expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Large area of critical conditions for 2 or more days, Warnings for 3 or more days, Long term (months) of severe to extreme drought	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Category 4 hurricane is headed towards the SE LA; major storm surge, flooding and damaging winds anticipated to begin tomorrow Widespread severe storms expected, tornado outbreak probable with long-lived, very widespread and particularly intense storms

Criteria for the color codes in this briefing is to the left, please provide any feedback to

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